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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 May 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4-11,13-20,22-31,36-51,56-67 and 69-74 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4-11,13-20,22-31,36,37,41-51,56-67 and 69-74 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 38-40 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 29,38,65 are objected to because of the following informalities: Applicant does not disclose how the light is structurally cooperating with the housing to affect the appearance of the housing. Applicant claims that the light-emitting device colors or patternizes the housing "in order to significantly alter the ornamental appearance of the housing", the recitation "in order to significantly alter the ornamental appearance of the housing" suggests that there is a structural change to the housing, although no structural change is disclosed in the specification. With regards to claim 38, it is unclear if the display is part of the light passing wall or the housing and it is unclear how the housing, the light passing wall and the display are structurally related. With regards to claim 65, applicant does not claim a structural cooperation between the light source and the housing describing how the light source cooperates with the housing to produce an adjustable light effect for colorizing or patternizing the illuminable portion of the housing. Appropriate correction is required.

2. As best understood the following rejection applies.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the

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applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claim 38-40 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by An (6,494,593).

5. An discloses a light source inside the housing(liquid crystal display 30 inherently has a light source), the light source being configured to generate light; a light controller(40) operatively coupled to the light source, the light source controller being configured to control the light source (on/off) so as to illuminate at least a portion of the light passing wall of the housing with the light generated by the light source(only the logo portion 800 of the light passing wall of surface 200 is illuminated), the light source being dedicated to illuminating the light passing wall, a display (23) and a display controller configured to process display commands to produce text or graphics(inherently the laptop has a processor that processes commands from the keyboard(shown in fig 5) to produce text or graphics); the display is disposed inside the housing (inherently the display 23 is contained within the laptop housing/foldable case); the display controller is disposed within the housing (inherently all computer processors are housed within the computer housing, in this case called a foldable case, fig 5).

Allowable Subject Matter

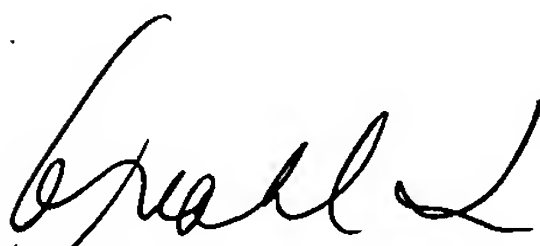
6. Claims 1,4-11,13-20,22-31,36,37,41-51,56-67,69-74 are allowed.

7. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Reasons can be found in the previous office action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anabel M. Ton whose telephone number is (571) 272-2382. The examiner can normally be reached on 08:00-16:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra O'Shea can be reached on (571) 272-2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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